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It rests with our membership to decide whether the Association shall retrograde or leap ahead into an even more prominent position in the educational world than it now holds. The one hundred thousand men and women who are to-day employed in library work within the United States should be easily able to guarantee that yearly income which would enable the Association to so greatly enlarge the sphere of its influence.

### Asheville Conference

The Travel Committee desires to announce that Mr Charles H. Brown, of the John Crerar Library, Chicago, Illinois, has been added to its membership. Members intending journeying from the West should correspond with him.

The Committee finds it impossible to give at this time any definite information as to transportation rates to Asheville, where the annual conference of the A. L. A. will be held on May 23-29.

The reason for this is due to the fact that the railroads have found it necessary to defer action owing to many complications arising from proposed legislation and the Jamestown Exposition.

Realizing, however, that members of the A. L. A. are anxious to receive some information, even though approximate only, as to what the expense of attending the conference will be, the Committee has prepared the following table showing probable cost from various points of departure, the figures in each case covering transportation charges to Asheville and return, including Pullman accommodations and six days at the Battery Park Hotel, the basis being two in a room, without bath. Those desiring a room to themselves, without bath, should add \$1.00 per day to totals given below; while those who may wish a bath in connection with either a single or a double room should add \$2.00 per day. Accommodations may be had in smaller hotels and boarding houses at prices less than those contracted for at the Battery Park Hotel. For such accommodations de-

duct \$1.00 per day each, two in a room, from the tabulated totals.

From Albany (via New York City) .	\$62.50
" Atlanta . . . . .	35.00
" Baltimore . . . . .	47.50
" Boston . . . . .	65.00
" Buffalo . . . . .	55.00
" Chicago . . . . .	55.00
" Cincinnati . . . . .	45.00
" Cleveland . . . . .	52.50
" Denver (not via Washington) .	100.00
" Milwaukee . . . . .	60.00
" Minneapolis . . . . .	80.00
" New Orleans . . . . .	55.00
" New York . . . . .	55.00
" Philadelphia . . . . .	50.00
" Pittsburgh . . . . .	52.50
" St. Louis . . . . .	55.00
" Washington . . . . .	45.00

The above estimates are believed to exceed actual cost, the Committee feeling it to be wiser to err on that side. Meals *en route* to and from Asheville are not included within the above totals. The smaller hotels and boarding houses, above referred to, are near the Battery Park Hotel and may be depended on, so the Committee is assured by the local committee, to furnish good rooms and satisfactory board.

By a ruling of the railroads which may, however, be modified later, members of the Association who reach Asheville by the way of Washington may travel from Asheville on their way home, depositing their tickets and fifty cents with the railroad in that city and make a side trip to Jamestown. The trip from Washington to Norfolk and return, by boat, would cost approximately \$7.50, including berth on boat, but not meals. Hotel accommodations in Norfolk or at Jamestown will be not less than \$3.00 per day. Members reaching Asheville from the West and South would be obliged to return to Asheville to have their tickets validated. The round trip from Asheville to Jamestown, including Pullman accommodations, would cost approximately \$25.00, not including meals *en route*. The trip to Toxaway and return to Asheville, including a stay of four days at Toxaway, will cost about \$20.00. It is hoped

that personally conducted trips to both Toxaway and Jamestown may be arranged for later. It is entirely impossible at this time to give any more detailed information to members than that given above.

The Committee regrets that it is impossible to give members that fully detailed information regarding the coming conference that it has been able to in past years. The facts above stated will serve to acquaint members with an approximate estimate, and furnish them with a knowledge of the situation which makes any fuller information impossible.

Asheville is located in the beautiful mountain section of North Carolina. The location of the Battery Park Hotel could not be excelled. Situated on high land it offers views from its piazzas across the valley to a series of mountains behind which the setting sun produces most beautiful evening effects. The local committee has plans well in hand for the entertainment of the Association, including a visit to Biltmore, the far-famed and extensive estate of Mr George W. Vanderbilt. The roads are perfect for both riding and driving, while the wooded hills furnish constant temptation for those strolls which members of the A. L. A. so delight to indulge in. The nights are invariably cool and the mosquito is an unknown quantity. A post-conference trip to Lake Toxaway is proposed, those desiring to join therein to leave Asheville immediately after the conference, remaining at the Toxaway Inn until Monday, June 2, when a return will be had to Asheville, whence members will disperse, some for home, others to Jamestown to view the Exposition. Toxaway, in the very center of the beautiful Sapphire country, offers attractions which will at once appeal to such members as are given to mountain climbing, wooded walks, horseback riding and driving. The beautiful lake offers constant temptation, too, to those who enjoy rowing or being rowed.

Wishing to form some idea of the probable number of those who intend participating in

the conference of 1907, the Travel Committee asks that each member who intends to go to Asheville shall, *at once*, signify such intention by addressing the Travel Committee at No 34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Be kind enough to state whether a single or double room is desired, with or without a bath. If with some other member, kindly state preference as to roommate, making sure that such roommate sends in a similar application for room reservation.

As the accommodations in the Battery Park Hotel are somewhat limited, the Travel Committee will assign rooms in order of application. To this rule the Committee will adhere strictly. The rooming will be done by the Committee in connection with the proprietor of the hotel. The proprietor will assign no rooms at the reduced rates without the approval of the Committee. Send in your application now.

There will be nothing binding in such an application until the Committee asks you later to ratify it. Do not, however, send in an application unless you feel reasonably sure that you will attend the conference. Pay your annual dues now so that you may keep in touch, through the columns of the *Bulletin*, with all details concerning the coming conference in this beautiful mountain country of our hospitable Southern friends.

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#### Executive Board Announcements

##### Atlantic City Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Board of the American Library Association is called at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N. J., Friday evening, March 15, 1907, at 8 o'clock, and a meeting of the Council at the same place Saturday afternoon, March 16, at 3 o'clock.